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That evening, George went over to Tray's house. Tray and George studied for their spelling test. Tray thought longingly about playing outside. He knew that he didn't dare go outside. He knew he had to work hard on studying. Tray helped George with his spelling words. By the end of the evening, both boys could spell the words without any mistakes.

The next day, the teacher gave the class the spelling test. As the teacher called out the words, the boys wrote the words on their paper. The teacher graded the tests at her desk as the students read in their

storybooks. An hour later, the teacher handed the spelling tests back to the students. George and Tray looked at their papers. Both boys had earned an "A's" on their tests! George turned around to Tray with a grin on his face. "Thanks a lot for your help," he said. Tray felt good about the "A" on his test. He also felt good about helping George do well on his spelling test.

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